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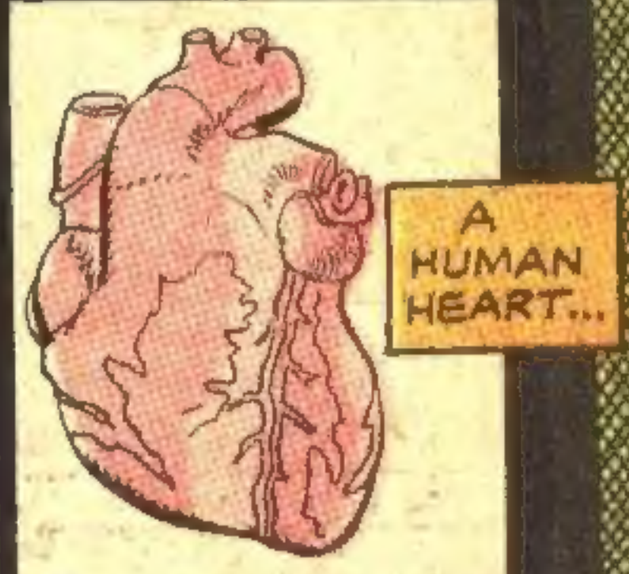
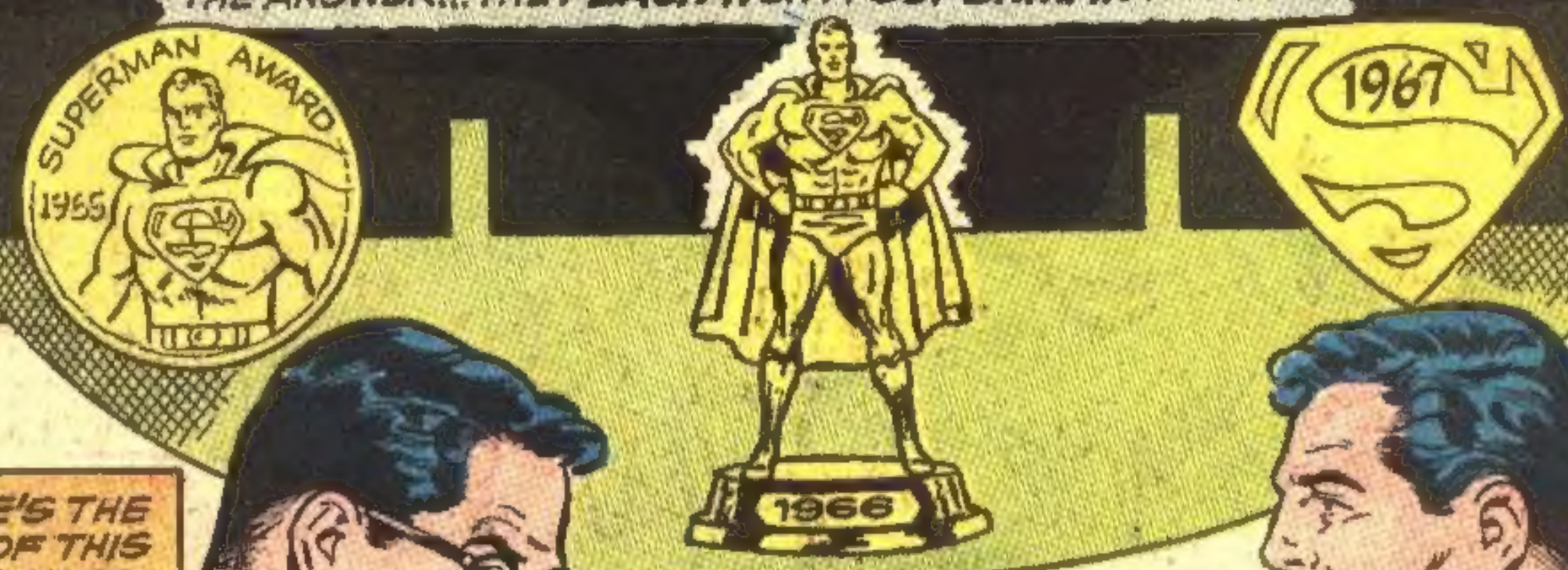


THE ANSWER... THEY **EACH** WON A **SUPERMAN** AWARD...



WAIT A MINUTE! HOW CAN **SUPERMAN** HAND CLARK A TROPHY WHEN THEY'RE THE **SAME PERSON?** READ ON FOR THE ANSWER TO THIS AND THE OTHER...

"MYSTERIES OF THE SUPERMAN AWARDS!"

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AS CLARK KENT LEAVES HIS APARTMENT IN METROPOLIS, ONE MORNING...

WE MAY HAVE TO WORK LATE THIS EVENING TO FINISH REPAINTING YOUR ROOMS, MR. KENT!

GO AHEAD! I'D RATHER GET THE MESS OVER WITH AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE!

AFTER A DAY'S WORK AT THE DAILY PLANET, LOIS LANE FINDS CLARK STILL BUSY...

SORRY, LOIS! I CAN'T ATTEND THE ANNUAL POLICEMEN'S BANQUET WITH YOU! I'M JUST TOO... ER... LOADED WITH WORK!

YOU HAVE THE SAME EXCUSE EVERY YEAR, CLARK! MAYBE YOU HAVE A SPECIAL REASON FOR NOT GOING!

WELL, BRUCE WAYNE, OUR FRIEND FROM GOTHAM CITY, WILL TAKE ME! AND SUPERMAN WILL BE THERE, YOU KNOW!

THAT'S WHY I BEGGED OFF! I HAVE TO ATTEND AS SUPERMAN, TO GIVE OUT THE ANNUAL SUPERMAN AWARD!

AT THE BANQUET, THE METROPOLIS POLICE COMMISSIONER MAKES THE LONG-AWAITED ANNOUNCEMENT...

AS YOU ALL KNOW, EACH YEAR WE GIVE A SUPERMAN AWARD TO THE PERSON WHO HAS HELPED SUPERMAN THE MOST!

SECRET VOTES WERE CAST BY EVERY-ONE IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT!

SUPERMAN AWARD 1960

THIS YEAR, THE SUPERMAN AWARD GOES TO THE INTREPID REPORTER WHO HELPED SUPERMAN CRACK A BIG CRIME RING -- CLARK KENT, OF THE DAILY PLANET! STEP UP HERE, KENT!

OH-OH! HOW CAN I HAND AN AWARD TO CLARK KENT WHEN I'M CLARK?

SUPERMAN AWARD 1960

LOIS LANE COMES FORWARD...

COMMISSIONER, CLARK'S WORKING LATE! I'LL RUN OVER TO THE OFFICE AND BRING HIM HERE PERSONALLY!

GULPS! WHEN SHE FINDS CLARK IS GONE, SHE'LL GUESS MY SECRET IDENTITY... UNLESS CLARK DOES TURN UP... SOMEHOW!

MY SUPER-VISION SHOWS THE PAINTERS ARE STILL AT MY APARTMENT! SO I CAN'T ACTIVATE ONE OF MY ROBOT DOUBLES IN THE SECRET CLOSET WITHOUT THEM SEEING IT!

AND BRUCE WAYNE... BATMAN... CAN'T HELP ME OUT, EITHER!

IF HE SLIPPED AWAY TO DISGUISE HIMSELF AS CLARK, LOIS MIGHT GET SUSPICIOUS OF HIS ABSENCE... AND TUMBLE TO BOTH OUR IDENTITIES!

IF I DON'T COME UP WITH A SOLUTION BEFORE LOIS RETURNS, I'M SUNK!

WHILE WE WAIT FOR KENT, I'LL RETELL THE STORIES OF THE THREE PREVIOUS *SUPERMAN AWARDS!* THE FIRST WINNER WAS A *BABY!*

"THIS STRANGE STORY BEGAN WITH AN ANNOYED MOTHER AND A MISCHIEVOUS CHILD..."

OH, RON! YOU'VE UPROOTED OUR NEIGHBOR'S FLOWER GARDEN! EVERYTIME I TURN MY BACK, YOU'RE UP TO MORE TROUBLE!

"MEANWHILE, IN A NEARBY LAB, TWO EXCITED SCIENTISTS WERE TRYING OUT AN AMAZING INVENTION..."

LOOK! PICTURES ARE BEGINNING TO FORM!

IF OUR *DISASTER PREDICTOR* WORKS, IT WILL PROPHESY ANY COMING *DISASTERS* IN THIS AREA!

"NOT ONE, BUT THREE CATASTROPHES WERE FORETOLD..."

FALL OF GIANT RAINDROPS...2:35

COSMIC RADIATIONS TURN SKYSCRAPERS INTO RUBBER... 4:16

COLOSSAL CATERPILLAR BORES FROM UNDERGROUND... 5:57

GREAT STARS! WE GOT OUR MACHINE WORKING JUST IN TIME! IMAGINE... THREE FANTASTIC CALAMITIES IN *METROPOLIS* IN *ONE DAY!*

BUT *SUPERMAN* IS OUT OF TOWN, ON HIS WORLD PATROL! WE'LL RADIO AN S.O.S. ALL OVER THE EARTH!

GOOD IDEA! SOMEONE WILL PICK IT UP AND NOTIFY *SUPERMAN!*

"BUT UNKNOWN TO THEM, RON, THE MISCHIEVOUS BABY, HAD CRAWLED INTO THE LAB, AND..."

GREAT GUNS! THE SET HAS GONE *DEAD!*

ME PUT FUNNY THING IN THAT *OTHER* HOLE!

CAUTION! HIGH-VOLTAGE OUTLET ONLY!

"THE HIGH-VOLTAGE CURRENT NOT ONLY BLEW OUT THE TRANSMITTER ENTIRELY, BUT KNOCKED OUT THE SCIENTISTS!"

ZZZZZ-A-P!

OHHHHHH!

GAAAAAA!

"AND SO, THE ONLY TWO MEN WHO KNEW OF THE MULTIPLE TRAGEDY LOOMING OVER *METROPOLIS* WERE OUT COLD!"

THEM TAKING NAP? ME SLEEPY, TOO!

ME GO HOME AND HAVE NAP!

"MEANWHILE, SUPERMAN WAS AT THE SOUTH POLE, WHERE A DISASTER THREATENED THE ENTIRE GLOBE..."

GREAT KRYPTON! A FLOCK OF RED-HOT METEORS IS RAINING DOWN ON ANTARCTICA! IF THEIR HEAT MELTS THE GIANT ICE-CAP, THE OCEAN LEVELS WILL BE RAISED 600 FEET, FLOODING HALF THE WORLD!

I COULD USE MY SUPER-BREATH TO COOL THEM... BUT I MIGHT BLOW THEM FAR AWAY, WHERE THEY'D DO OTHER DAMAGE!

"SWIFTLY, THE MAN OF STEEL SET TO WORK LIKE A HUMAN BUZZ-SAW..."

THIS CALLS FOR FAST ACTION! FIRST, I'LL SLICE PART OF THIS GLACIER INTO THE FORM OF A GIANT BUCKET!

NOW TO SCOOP UP A FEW MILLION GALLONS OF ICE COLD SEAWATER!

I'LL PROBABLY TAKE A HUNDRED BUCKETFULS TO COOL OFF ALL THE BLAZING METEORS! BUT IT WILL KEEP THE ICE-CAP FROM MELTING AND DROWNING THE WORLD!

"MEANWHILE, THE TWO SCIENTISTS HAD COME TO, HORRIFIED AT THE PRECIOUS TIME LOST!"

WE HAVE ONLY FIVE MINUTES TILL THE *FIRST* *DISASTER* STRIKES *METROPOLIS!*

BUT LOOK! *SUPERMAN* IS BACK! THIS SIGNAL FLARE WILL SUMMON HIM!

"AFTER *SUPERMAN* HEARD THE BREATHLESS WARNING..."

GOT TO STOP THOSE GIANT RAINDROPS ... HUH?

WHIRRRRRR HUM-M-M KLIK KLIK

WAIT... THE COMPUTER'S RUNNING AGAIN... WHO TURNED IT ON?

"IT WAS RON. AGAIN, UP TO HIS USUAL PRANKS..."

SEEMS THIS LITTLE TYKE WAS PLAYING "TYPEWRITER" WITH YOUR COMPUTER'S PUSH BUTTONS!

AND IT'S PREDICTING *ANOTHER* DISASTER!

S-BUT THAT'S *RIDICULOUS!* NO OCEAN LINER COULD POSSIBLY DO THAT! AND THERE'S NO SUCH TIME AS 25:06!

OCEAN LINER WILL ACCIDENTALLY SAIL UP MAIN STREET... 25:06

"AFTER THE RED-FACED SCIENTISTS CHECKED THEIR COMPUTER'S *BLUEPRINTS...*"

ALL THE PREDICTED "DISASTERS" WERE *FALSE...* BECAUSE OF *FLAWS* IN THE CIRCUITS!

WE CREATED AN *IDIOT COMPUTER* THAT *MADE UP* DANGERS IN ITS OWN CRAZY ELECTRONIC "MIND"! IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THAT CHILD, WE'D HAVE PANICKED THE CITY... AND CALLED *SUPERMAN* HERE WHEN HE WAS NEEDED IN ANTARCTICA!

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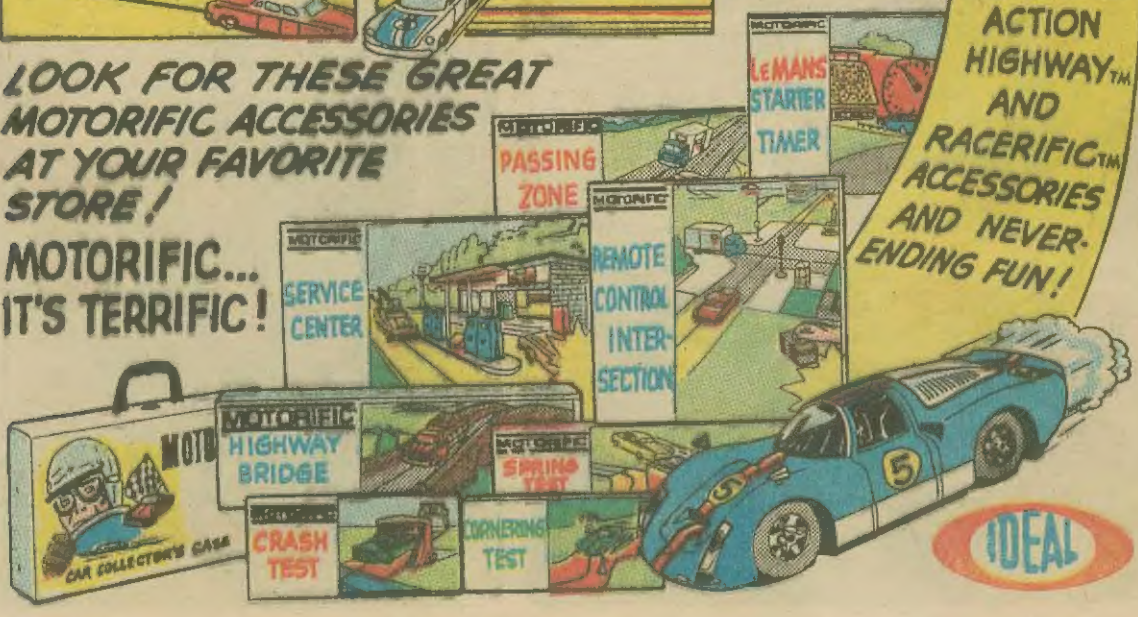

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"AND THAT WAS HOW A **BABY** WON THE FIRST **SUPERMAN** AWARD!"

RON... NO! OH, HEAVENS! HE ROLLED HIS **SUPERMAN MEDALLION** AND BROKE THE PUNCH BOWL!

FORGET IT! REMEMBER... RON'S MISCHIEF HELPED ME SAVE THE WORLD FROM DISASTROUS FLOODS!

SUPERMAN 1953

AS THE TALE ENDS, **SUPERMAN** STILL IS FACED WITH HIS OWN PERSONAL "DISASTER"!

SAVING THE WORLD WAS EASY, COMPARED TO SAVING MY IDENTITY... WHEN LOIS TURNS UP WITHOUT CLARK!

EVEN STRANGER THAN LITTLE RON, THE NEXT WINNER WAS... A MAN WHO HAD NEVER HEARD OF **SUPERMAN!**

"ONE MORNING, **SUPERMAN** WAS ON PATROL, WHEN SUDDENLY..."

OH, NO! A **RED KRYPTONITE** METEOR FROM SPACE HAS STRUCK ME! **RED K** ALWAYS AFFECTS ME IN UNPREDICTABLE WAYS! WHAT WILL IT DO TO ME THIS TIME?

"THE ASTOUNDING ANSWER CAME A MOMENT LATER!"

YIPES! WH-WHAT'S THAT HORRIBLE *THING* FLYING AROUND?

I'VE CHANGED INTO A SORT OF **MONSTER-MAN!**... -GULP!-

AND NOW I'VE LOST MY SUPER-POWERS! I CAN'T FLY! WHEN I HIT THE GROUND A MILE BELOW... I'M ONE MONSTER WHO'LL BE **EXTINCT!**

"BUT JUST BEFORE LANDING, THERE WAS STILL ANOTHER SUDDEN CHANGE!"

EEK! A FLYING MONSTER!

AH! NOW THAT THE RED K HAS MADE ME A BATWINGED CREATURE, I CAN FLY AGAIN! BUT IN THIS SHAPE, I CAN'T SWITCH BACK TO MY OTHER IDENTITY! I'LL FLY AROUND UNTIL THE RED K EFFECTS WEAR OFF! THAT SHOULD TAKE ABOUT 24 HOURS!

"LATER, SEEKING ISOLATION, SUPERMAN MADE A SURPRISING FIND..."

HMM... I'VE MEMORIZED EVERY MAP ON RECORD, FOR MY WORLD PATROLS, BUT I NEVER SAW THAT ISLAND MARKED! I'LL TAKE A LOOK AROUND THE UNCHARTED HUNK OF LAND!

"BUT AS SUPERMAN EXPLORED THE ISLE..."

YIIIIII! I'M CAUGHT IN SOME KIND OF ANIMAL SNARE!

THIS OLD FELLOW MUST HAVE SET THE TRAP!

HELLO... GET ME OUT OF THIS! I'M SUPERMAN AND I'VE BEEN CHANGED BY RED KRYPTONITE!

SUPERMAN? RED... WHAT?

I WAS CAST AWAY FORTY YEARS AGO... BEEN LIVIN' HERE EVER SINCE! I NEVER HEARD OF NO SUPERMAN... NOR RED... WHAT YOU SAID!

INCREDIBLE! HE MAY BE THE ONLY MAN ON EARTH WHO DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT ME!

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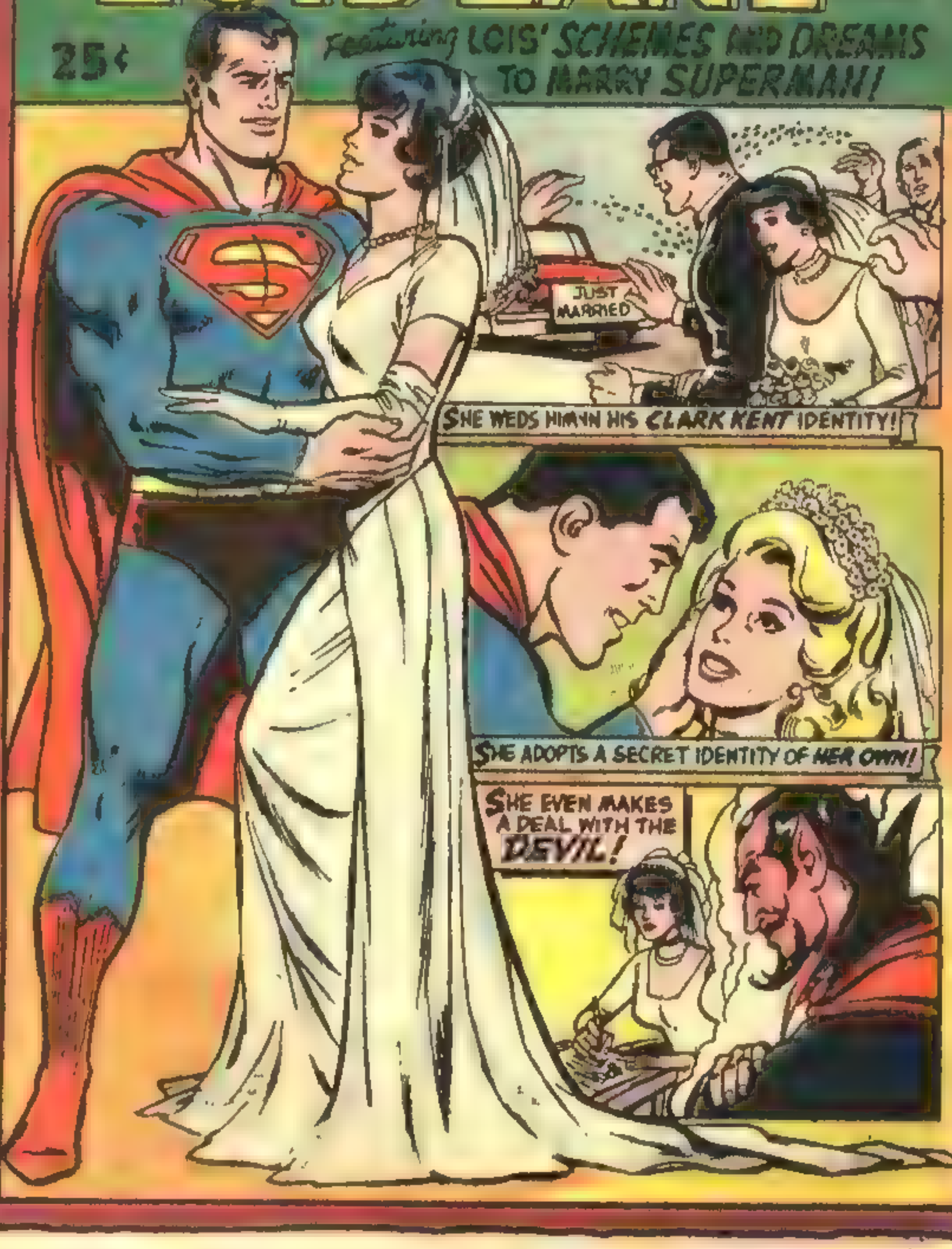
JUST MARRIED
SHE WEDS HIMIN HIS CLARK KENT IDENTITY!
SHE ADOPTS A SECRET IDENTITY OF HER OWN!
SHE EVEN MAKES A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL!

I DUNNO WHAT YE ARE, BUT I'M TAKIN' NO CHANCES!

BOOM!

YIPES! I'M NOT INVULNERABLE NOW!

WHEW! HE MISSED ME AND CUT THE ROPE! I'D BETTER SCOOT BEFORE HE RELOADS!

"LATER, AFTER ANOTHER CRAZY RED K CHANGE..."

NOW I'M A CENTAUR! BUT... GREAT SUNS! THERE'S A SPACESHIP LANDING!

SHOOT HIM DOWN, MEN! THAT RED K WE DIRECTED AT HIM MADE SUPERMAN VULNERABLE!

IT'S THE SUPERMAN REVENGE SQUAD... CRIMINALS FROM MANY WORLDS, WHO ALL HATE ME! WHAT CHANCE HAVE I AGAINST THEM, WITHOUT MY SUPER-POWERS?

"BUT LEAPING AWAY IN BIG BOUNDS, SUPERMAN JUMPED OVER A HIDDEN PIT... AND..."

YIIIIIII!

MORE CRAZY INVADERS! BUT MY TRAP GOT 'EM!

THEY FELL IN ONE OF THE MAROONED MAN'S ANIMAL TRAPS!

"TIME PASSED, AND FINALLY..."

THE 24 HOURS ARE UP! THE RED K EFFECTS HAVE WORN OFF! THAT OLD "CRUSOE" HAS KEPT THE ALIENS IN THE PIT, BUT NOW I'LL TAKE OVER!

BACK, CONSARN YE! YE WON'T ESCAPE FROM ME!

"BORING UNDERGROUND, SUPERMAN CAME UP BENEATH THE PIT BOTTOM, AND..."

SUPERMAN... WITH ALL HIS SUPER-POWERS BACK!

TELL THE REST OF THE REVENGE SQUAD THEY'LL HAVE TO DO BETTER THAN THAT TO STOP ME!

TARNATION!

RIGHT! I'M RETURNING YOU TO YOUR SHIP!

AS FOR YOU, OLD FELLOW, I'LL FLY YOU BACK TO CIVILIZATION!

"AND SO, AT THE NEXT AWARD DINNER..."

BY KEEPING THE ALIENS HELPLESS UNTIL THE RED K EFFECTS WORE OFF, YOU SAVED MY LIFE! I GIVE THIS STATUE TO THE MAN WHO NEVER HEARD OF ME!...

YE'RE WRONG! I WAS THE "MAN WHO NEVER HEARD OF SUPERMAN"... BUT I'VE HEARD PLENTY NOW!

1954

AND AS THE SECOND STORY ENDS...

LOIS DIDN'T FIND CLARK AT THE OFFICE! BEFORE SHE RETURNS, I'D BETTER FIND A "SUBSTITUTE" CLARK... OR ELSE!

C. KENT

LAST YEAR, THE AWARD WAS NOT GIVEN TO A PERSON AT ALL, BUT TO A HUMAN HEART! THE STORY BEGAN WHEN...

"...A VOLCANIC ERUPTION THREATENED AN INHABITED AREA... TILL SUPERMAN SHOWED UP..."

FARMS AND VILLAGES WILL BE BURIED UNDER THE LAVA! HMM... I'LL GET SOMETHING TO STOP IT... FROM THE SEA!

"WHEN SUPERMAN RETURNED..."

HERE WE ARE... FOUR OLD ANCHORS! FIRST, I'LL HOOK THEM FIRMLY AT FOUR POINTS AROUND THE VOLCANO!

NEXT, I SUPER-STRETCH MY INDESTRUCTIBLE CAPE OVER THE ENTIRE MOUNTAIN, SMOTHERING THE ERUPTION!

THERE! THE FOURTH CORNER IS TIED! ONLY SMOKE FUMES AND SMALL LANDSLIDES CAN SLIP OUT FROM UNDER THE EDGES OF MY SUPER-CAPE! MOST OF THE LAVA IS "BOTTLED UP"!

"BUT AS FATE WOULD HAVE IT, ONE OF THE BOULDERS WAS A GLOWING, GREEN METEOR THAT CAUGHT SUPERMAN UNAWARES!"

GREEN KRYPTONITE! IT'S PINNED MY LEG...OHHH... I'M WEAK... HELPLESS! THE DEADLY RADIATIONS WILL SOON KILL ME!

"FORTUNATELY IN A NEARBY TOWER, A FOREST RANGER SPIED SUPERMAN'S DILEMMA THROUGH HIS BINOCULARS..."

SUPERMAN... TRAPPED BY GREEN K!

GOT TO SAVE HIM... DESPITE THE SMOKE FUMES! NO TIME TO THINK OF MYSELF...

"ALTHOUGH THE BRAVE RANGER FOUND THE BOULDER TOO BIG TO SHOVE AWAY, HE USED HIS INGENUITY..."

:COUGH!: PART OF THE LAVA SEEPING DOWN CONTAINS MOLTEN LEAD ORE! I'LL DIVERT IT... :COUGH!: SO THAT IT SPLASHES OVER THE GREEN K BOULDER!

"WITH THE DEADLY RADIATIONS CUT OFF BY THE LEAD, SUPERMAN QUICKLY RECOVERED... BUT..."

DOCTOR TOLD ME... :COUGH!: NEVER TO BREATHE SMOKE-FUMES... :GASP!: ...OR MY INCURABLE LUNG-ILLNESS WOULD KILL ME! AHHHHH!

GREAT STARS! HE SACRIFICED HIMSELF FOR ME! I'LL RUSH HIM TO A HOSPITAL!

"THE DYING MAN MADE ONE MORE MAGNIFICENT GESTURE BEFORE THE END CAME..."

OLD MR. PYLE'S HEART IS FAILING! HE HASN'T A CHANCE UNLESS HE GETS A TRANSPLANT!

SUPERMAN! MY HEART'S OKAY! IF I DON'T PULL THROUGH, I'D LIKE TO DONATE IT TO THAT POOR GUY!

"WEEKS LATER, AFTER THE RANGER'S DEATH, AND THE SUCCESSFUL HEART TRANSPLANT..."

I'M AS GOOD AS NEW, THANKS TO THAT RANGER, WHO DONATED HIS STRONG HEART!

YOU'VE BEEN INVITED TO THE POLICE BANQUET IN METROPOLIS NEXT MONTH... AND I THINK I KNOW WHY, MR. PYLE!

"AND WHEN THE AWARD FOR 1967 WAS ANNOUNCED..."

THIS GOES TO THE HEART OF THE COURAGEOUS RANGER WHO SAVED BOTH MY LIFE AND YOURS!

I'M PROUD TO ACCEPT IT... IN THE NAME OF THE MAN WHOSE HEART STILL BEATS IN MY CHEST!

AS THE SUPERMAN AWARD TALES END...

MISS LANE PHONED SHE WOULD BE HERE IN TEN MINUTES!

I'LL ... ER... HAVE TIME TO MAKE A SHORT PATROL FIRST, THEN!

I HAVE AN IDEA... BUT CAN I PULL IT OFF IN TEN MINUTES?

SWIFTLY, THE MAN OF MIGHT FLIES TO THE FLOOR BELOW, TO SCAN THE PHOTO FILES OF THE MISSING PERSONS BUREAU AT SUPER-SPEED, UNTIL...

AH, THIS MISSING MAN WILL BE PERFECT, IF I CAN FIND HIM IN TIME!

MISSING PERSONS BUREAU FILE SECTION

COMBING THE CITY AT METEORIC SPEED, SUPERMAN SPOTS HIS MAN...

WHAT'S MY NAME...WHERE DO I LIVE? IF I COULD ONLY REMEMBER...

AN AMNESIA CASE, JUST AS I SUSPECTED! HE'S THE RIGHT HEIGHT AND WEIGHT, TOO!

MEANWHILE, LOIS RETURNS TO THE BANQUET, BRISTLING WITH SUSPICION...

HELLO, MISS LANE! WHERE'S CLARK KENT?

HE HAD ALREADY LEFT THE OFFICE! ISN'T HE HERE?

NOW I KNOW WHY CLARK ALWAYS SKIPS THESE AWARD DINNERS! I'M SURE THAT HE'S SUPERMAN!

BUT NEXT MOMENT, LOIS GETS A SHOCK...

I HEARD YOU WERE LOOKING FOR ME, COMMISSIONER!

CLARK!... CLARK KENT!

AS THE CEREMONY TAKES PLACE...

FOR RISKING YOUR LIFE AS AN UNDERCOVER AGENT, AND THUS HELPING *SUPERMAN* BREAK UP A CRIME RING, YOU RECEIVE THE *SUPERMAN AWARD* FOR 1968!

SUPERMAN AWARD 1968

SUPERMAN... SHAKING HANDS WITH CLARK KENT! THEY'RE NOT THE SAME PERSON, AFTER ALL!

LATER, AFTER *SUPERMAN* LEAVES WITH "CLARK KENT"...

NOW I'LL CHANGE MY "DOUBLE" BACK TO NORMAL, BY REMOVING THE GLASSES, WIG AND MAKEUP! THEN I'LL GET HIM BACK INTO HIS OWN CLOTHES!

WHEN I SNAP MY FINGERS, YOU WILL AWAKE WITH NO *MEMORY* OF HAVING IMPERSONATED CLARK KENT! BUT YOU WILL RECALL YOUR OWN IDENTITY!

SNAP!

HUH? WHAT...? *SUPERMAN*! HOW DID I GET HERE? I'M JONAS CROWTHER, A SCIENTIST!

I WAS EXPERIMENTING WITH HIGH-VOLTAGE ELECTRICITY! SOMETHING WENT WRONG... I FELT A SHOCK...

... AND IT OBVIOUSLY GAVE YOU AMNESIA! I FOUND YOU IN SHOCK,,, DAZED... AND RESTORED YOUR MEMORY BY SUPER-HYPNOTISM!

BUT *FIRST* I HYPNOTIZED HIM INTO PORTRAYING CLARK!

NEXT DAY, AT THE *PLANET* OFFICE...

WELL, CLARK, YOU *DID* GET TO THE *SUPERMAN AWARD BANQUET*, AFTER ALL! AND YOU *DESERVE* THIS CUP!

MAYBE I *DID* DESERVE TO GET AN AWARD FROM MYSELF... FOR THE WAY I COVERED UP MY IDENTITY SECRET! =WHEWWWW!=

The END.

EXPLORER XIX
This balloon-like satellite is one of many designed to measure the thickness of air above the earth. It went up about 1,490 miles and orbited around the earth. Explorer XIX sent back information by radio signal which helped scientists understand what "thin" air could do to a spacecraft at different heights. Energy for this radio came from a rechargeable storage battery inside the satellite and a row of solar or sun-powered cells on the outside.
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This is the Cheerios Kid, whose energy comes from Cheerios! Like satellites, and like you, he needs go-power every day. A breakfast with Cheerios and milk is packed with muscle-building protein and energy for go-power. Get yourself Go. Get Cheerios!
GENERAL MILLS

Dear Editor: After seeing the issue of ACTION in which Supie gets Virus X, I have come to the conclusion that being exposed to Kryptonite would save him. It is probably the only substance the Kryptonians didn't have available to use on the virus, because it wasn't formed until Krypton exploded. – Gary Plumlee, Indianapolis, Ind.

(Very shrewd, Gary – except that you didn't mention which kind of Kryptonite. By now you know it was White K that did the job. Green K might have done it – but it would have probably killed Superman, too. Still, you sure put your finger on why the Kryptonian scientists failed to find the cure. – Ed.)

Dear Editor: The Taj Mahal, to which you refer in ACTION No. 363, has long since been divested of its gold trimmings. Neither is there any gold in the halls. Please inform Supergirl of this for me, as I am a little tied up at this time. – SP 4 Don Sullivan, Project Counter III, Viet-[redacted]

(We'll bet you are, soldier – and good luck! As for the Taj Mahal, we knew there was a world gold crisis, but we never dreamed it was that serious! – Ed.)

Dear Editor: In the June issue, a fan wanted to know in which state Metropolis is located. Not too long ago, there was a sequence about a senatorial election. At the convention, there was a delegate waving a sign that read, "Burlington County." Only one state in the union has a Burlington County, and that is New Jersey, So Metropolis is one of the fine cities in that state – probably Hoboken or Atlantic City. – Matt Rosenblatt, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

(So you figured we just changed the name of the city, eh? But how can you be sure we didn't change the name of the county, too? – Ed.)

Dear Editor: It's become revolting! I'm referring to the way you put Kryptonite in almost every panel. Sometimes it seems the Man of Steel is wallowing and swimming in it, eating and drinking it. I say cut down on the Green K, and use something else instead. – Oregiente, Wood River, Ill.

(Oh, come on! There hasn't been any Green K in the Superman stories in this mag since No. 363 – and then it appeared only briefly during a sequence in which Superman did not show up. The last time he was exposed to it in ACTION was in No. 357. True, we've used it a few times in Supergirl tales, but generally only in brief scenes. – Ed.)

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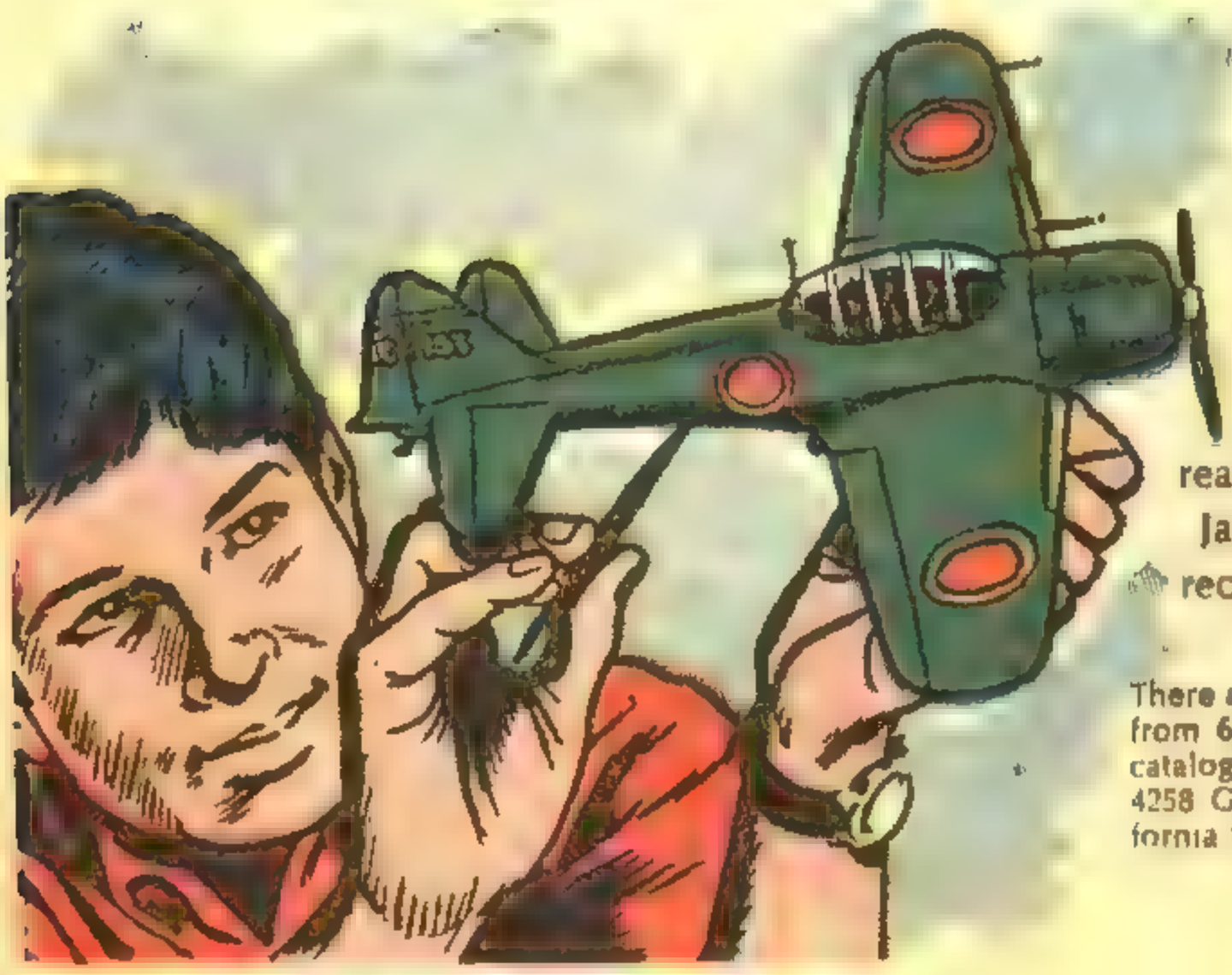

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...AND EXPOSE MYSELF TO **GOLD KRYPTONITE!** ONCE IT STEALS MY SUPER-POWERS, I CAN NEVER GET THEM BACK! I'M WRITING THE FINAL CHAPTER OF MY **SUPERGIRL** CAREER!

WHY MUST THE **GIRL OF STEEL** MAKE SUCH A COSTLY SACRIFICE? FOR THE ANSWER, LET'S TURN BACK TIME TO THE PRECEDING DAY...

...**"WHEN TWO STRANGELY-GARBED FEMALES KEPT A RENDEZVOUS ON THE EDGE OF THE CAMPUS..."**

GOOD, **BETA!** WE BOTH HAVE OUR **SHIELD-PROJECTORS! STEP ONE** OF **OPERATION NORICON** CAN BEGIN!

YOU TAKE THIS SIDE OF THE CAMPUS, **ALPHA!** I'LL COVER THE OTHER SIDE!

ONLY A BEING WITH SUPER-POWERS COULD PENETRATE THIS BARRIER! BUT THANKS TO A SPECIAL DEVICE WE CONSTRUCTED, NOT EVEN **SUPERGIRL** WOULD **DARE** TO TRY IT!

"WE'VE RIGGED A BOMB IN THE CAMPUS SQUARE -- AND IF ANYONE WITH SUPER-POWERS... LIKE SUPERMAN OR SUPERGIRL... USES THEM ON THE BARRIER, STANNOPE COLLEGE WILL BECOME STANNOPE CRATER!"

BUT ALPHA NEVER GUESSED THE MAID OF MIGHT WOULD PULL THE ULTIMATE STRATEGY OF GIVING UP HER POWERS! LET'S REJOIN HER IN SUPERMAN'S ARCTIC FORTRESS...

I CAN'T **FLY** BACK TO **STANNOPE** NOW... BUT WHILE I STILL HAD MY POWERS, I RIGGED UP THIS **SUPER-CATAPULT!**

IT WILL "BLAST ME OFF!!.. ALL THE WAY TO THE OLD ALMA MATER!

NOW THAT I'M NOT INVULNERABLE, I COULDN'T SURVIVE THE PRESSURE... OR THE FRICTION-HEAT... OF A SUPER-SPEED FLIGHT! BUT THIS PROTECTIVE SUIT I DESIGNED WILL HELP ME MAKE THE TRIP IN SOLID COMFORT!

THE CATAPULT PREVIOUSLY POSITIONED WITH THE **SUPER-AIM** SHE ONCE HAD, **SUPERGIRL** BOARDS THE GIGANTIC MECHANISM...

I'VE SET THE AUTOMATIC TIMING DEVICE...

FIVE... FOUR... THREE... TWO... ONE...

ZERO!

AND AFTER SEVERAL MINUTES OF EYE-BLURRING FLIGHT...

WHEW! HERE I AM! A LITTLE SHAKEN UP, BUT RIGHT ON TARGET! MY RETRO-ROCKETS WILL KEEP THE LANDING FROM SQUASHING ME INTO A GREASE SPOT!

KRAKOOM

MINUTES LATER...

I **MIGHT** TRICK THOSE TWO SHE-WOLVES INTO LETTING ME THROUGH THE BARRIER... BUT I CAN ONLY DO SO IN MY **LINDA DANVERS** IDENTITY!

THE FORMER MAID OF MIGHT WAITS PATIENTLY, UNTIL...

AH! THERE'S ONE OF 'EM! NOW, IF I CAN PULL OFF THIS ACT, I'M IN! I'LL MAKE HER THINK I'VE BROKEN OUT!

PLANETS OF POLARIS! THAT GIRL IS ESCAPING!

STOP! COME IN THROUGH THE TEMPORARY GAP MY BLASTER MADE IN THE BARRIER, OR MY NEXT SHOT WILL BURN YOU DOWN!

AS LINDA STEPS IN...

HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY HAVE PASSED THE BARRIER?... UNLESS YOU'RE NOT A STUDENT HERE, BUT AN OUTSIDER, TRYING TO INFILTRATE!

I'LL JUST RUN A QUICK CHECK...

YES... YOU'RE IN THE STANNOPE STUDENT RECORDS, LINDA DANVERS! WELL, I HAVE A JOB FOR YOU... IT WILL KEEP YOU TOO BUSY FOR ANY GETAWAY SCHEMES!

LINDA DANVERS

SO FAR, I'M A-OK! BUT WHAT'S THIS ABOUT A JOB?

SOON... IN THE CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT...

DAVID CAREW NEEDS SOMEONE TO ASSIST HIM! GET TO WORK!

LINDA!

WHAT DO THOSE WITCHES HAVE YOU COOKING UP IN HERE, DAVE? AND WHY?

TRYING TO FIGURE THE WHY HAS NEARLY BLOWN MY MIND, LINDA!

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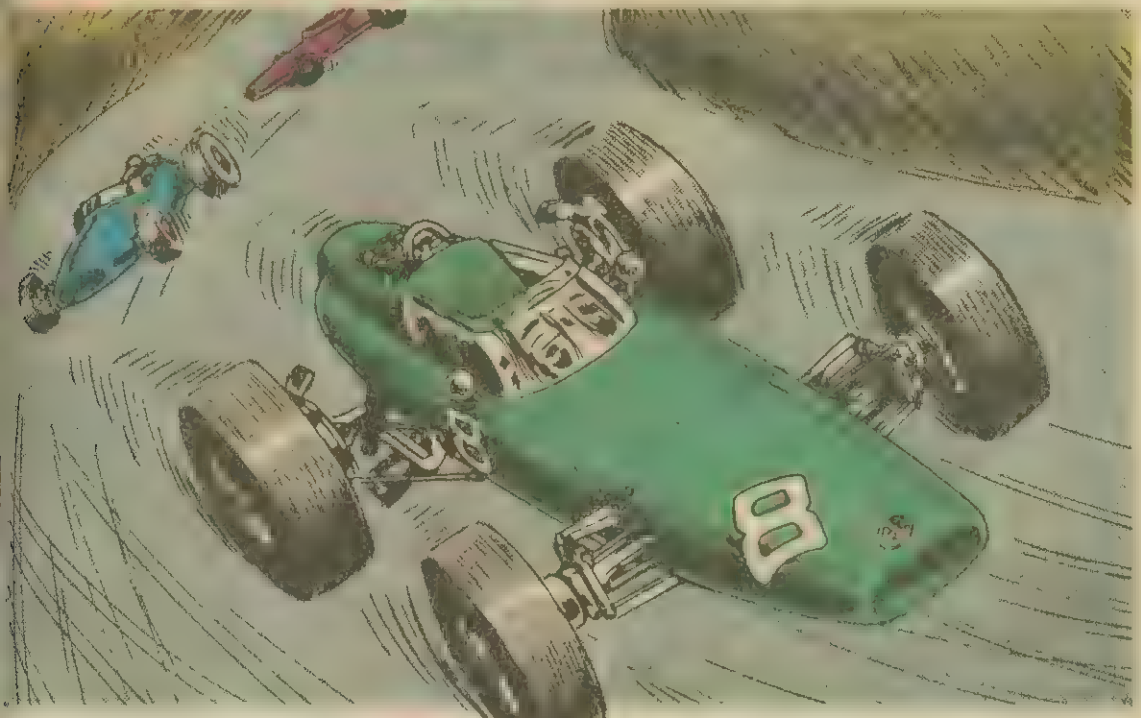

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THEY CLAIM I'M *DESTINED* TO DISCOVER THE SERUM--SO THEY HAVE THE IDEA I CAN DO IT *NOW!* BUT I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO START!

OF COURSE NOT... ANY MORE THAN EDISON COULD MAKE AN ELECTRIC BULB WHEN *HE* WAS YOUR AGE!

WE COULD MAKE A BREAK FOR IT, IF THERE WERE SOME WAY TO TRICK OUR GUARD INTO OPENING THE DOOR! MAYBE A *LAB ACCIDENT!*

I READ YOU LOUD AND CLEAR! STAND BACK AND WATCH A CHEMISTRY GENIUS IN ACTION! I'LL WHIP UP THE COMPOUNDS WE'LL NEED...

SOON...

·SMOKE... COMING FROM THE LAB! CAREW MAY BE IN *DANGER!*

CHEMISTRY LAB

AIIIEEE!

B

THE FLARE HAS HER SPOOKED! LET'S *MOVE!*

THAT CHEMICAL FLARE YOU MADE CAUGHT *BETA* FLATFOOTED WHEN SHE CAME TO INVESTIGATE THAT DRY-ICE "SMOKE"!

BUT SHE AND HER PARTNER HAVE MOST OF THE STUDENTS *HYPNOTIZED!* THEY'LL BE LIKE AN ARMY OF ZOMBIES, COMBING THE CAMPUS FOR US!

AT THE SOUND OF FOOTSTEPS, THE DUO DUCKS FOR COVER...

YIPES! I FORGOT MY ***LINDA ROBOT*** *WAS STILL TAKING MY PLACE! THERE SHE IS...PRETENDING TO BE HYPNOTIZED LIKE THE OTHERS!*

HEY! IF *THAT'S* LINDA...

...WHO THE DEVIL ARE *YOU?*

WELL, THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO ANSWER *THAT* ONE...

I'M ***SUPERGIRL!*** I DISGUISED MYSELF AS LINDA TO GET THROUGH THE BARRIER...AND HELP OUT ***STANHOPE!***

SO WHY THE CHEMICAL HOAX AT THE LAB? IF YOU'RE ***SUPER-GIRL,*** YOU COULD CRACK THROUGH THE WALL WITH ONE FINGER!

NO, I ***CAN'T,*** BECAUSE... *LOOK OUT, DAVE!!*

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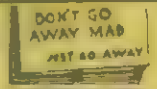

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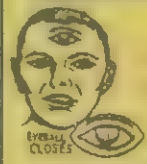

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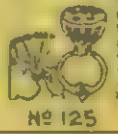

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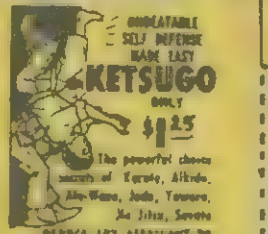

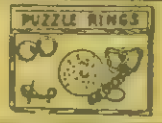

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OKAY, LINDA...OR *SUPERGIRL*...OR WHOEVER YOU ARE... LET'S *MAKE TRACKS!*

HERE--CHUCK THIS AT 'EM! IT'S A CAPSULE I MADE BACK AT THE LAB!

WOW! DAVE SURE KNOWS HIS STUFF! A TINY *FIRE-BOMB* AND A *SMOKE-CAPSULE* WILL HOLD THAT MOB AT BAY TILL WE CAN LOSE 'EM!

FRANTIC MINUTES LATER, OUT OF THE STUDENT MOB'S REACH, SUPERGIRL EXPLAINS HER PREDICAMENT...

...SO I HAD TO SACRIFICE MY POWERS TO KEEP THE *BOMB* FROM SCATTERING *STANNOPE* ALL OVER THE STATE!

MY KNIFE CAN'T CUT YOUR CAPE, SO YOUR COSTUME'S STILL SUPER! OKAY ...I'LL BUY YOUR STORY! WHAT NOW?

WE GO TO THE COLLEGE SQUARE ...WHERE THE *BOMB* IS... AND WE *DISMANTLE* IT!

BUT, FIRST LET'S SLIP BACK TO THE LAB AND WHIP UP A LITTLE *INSURANCE!*

MEANWHILE...

I WAS JUST TAKING A LOOK AT *SKY-PRISON* WITH *MY TIME VIEWER!* THOSE 37TH-CENTURY COPS ARE STILL SCOURING THE AREA, LOOKING FOR US *ESCAPED CONS!*

THEY'LL NEVER FIGURE WE HAD MINIATURE *CHRONO-DISPLACERS* SMUGGLED IN TO US... AND ESCAPED BY GOING THROUGH *TIME!*

YES... BUT THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO HERE UNTIL CAREW IS RECAPTURED! *PROJECT NORICON* IS AT A *STANDSTILL!*

I USED *MY HYPNOTIC LENSES* TO ENSLAVE SOME MORE STUDENTS! THEY'LL FIND HIM--AND *SUPERGIRL,* TOO!

YES... IF THAT REALLY *IS* WHO'S HELPING HIM! BUT *SUPERGIRL* COULDN'T HAVE GOT PAST THE BARRIER WITHOUT SETTING OFF THE BOMB... *UNLESS* SHE'S LOST HER SUPER-POWERS!

WAIT-- *THE BOMB!*

THAT'S WHERE *SUPERGIRL* IS SURE TO HEAD! ONCE IT'S SABOTAGED, SHE COULD SUMMON *SUPERMAN* TO CAPTURE US!

YOU'RE RIGHT! LET'S DASH OVER THERE, STOP HER, AND GET CAREW BACK!

HOLD ON, GIRLS! YOU'VE GUESSED WRONG! TIME HAS THROWN SUPERGIRL A CURVE...

DAVE! IT'S 4:30 ALREADY! QUICK... TO THE *NORTH* SIDE OF THE BARRIER!

WHY, *SUPERGIRL?*

HOPE COLLEGE

SUPERMAN IS DUE BACK FROM SPACE! WE WERE TO MEET AT HIS *FORTRESS* AT 4:30! WHEN I DON'T SHOW UP...

YES... WHAT DOES HAPPEN WHEN SUPERGIRL FAILS TO KEEP HER APPOINTMENT? LET'S JOIN **SUPERMAN** AND SEE...

WHY ISN'T **SUPERGIRL** HERE? EVEN IF SHE HAD SOME IMPORTANT JOB WHICH DELAYED HER, SHE'D HAVE MANAGED TO LET ME KNOW.!!

I'LL CHECK **STANHOPE**, AND... GREAT PLANETS! THE WHOLE CAMPUS IS IMPRISONED UNDER SOME SORT OF **DOME!**

THERE'S **SUPERGIRL** NOW... BUT WHY IS SHE **RUNNING** INSTEAD OF **FLYING?**

THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE ANSWER... SOMEHOW, SHE'S **LOST HER POWERS!**

I'LL CRASH RIGHT INTO THE DOME AND FIND OUT WHAT'S BEHIND THIS! THEN...

AT THAT INSTANT, THE TWO FUGITIVES REACH THE DOME...

NO, **SUPERMAN!** GO **BACK!** IF YOU HIT THE BARRIER, YOU'LL DETONATE A **BOMB!** EVERY-ONE IN HERE WILL BE **KILLED!**

TOO LATE! I'M SPEEDING AT SUCH A VELOCITY, I **CAN'T STOP!**

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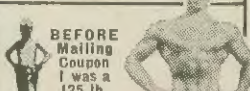

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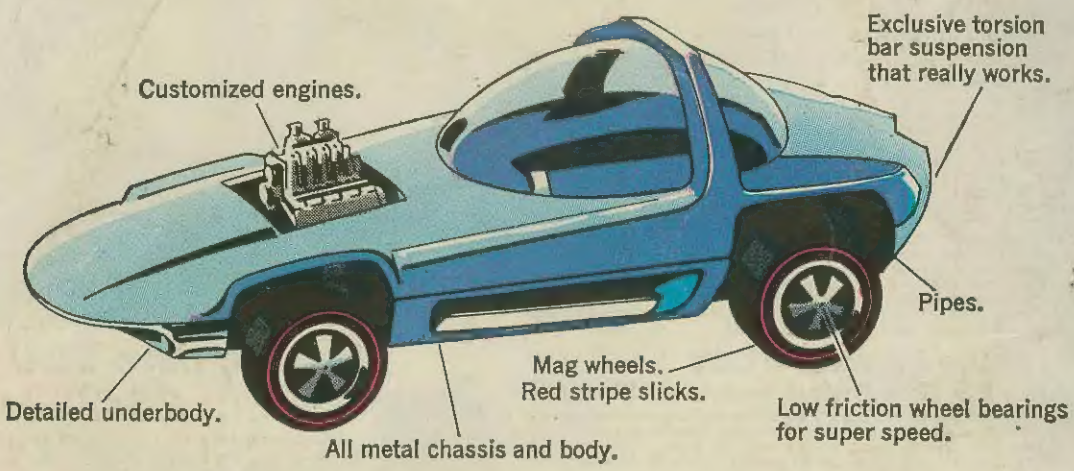
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